

Rapid River News



Welcome to the Rapid River News (RRN)! The RRN is a quick view of what is happening at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI. **February 1st, 2016**

Constitutional Proposed Changes at next Elders Meeting! The LRBOI Elders are hosting a discussion upon the proposed changes to the Tribal Constitution at their next meeting on February 6th following the regular meeting. The Constitutional discussion will be open to all and it will begin at 2 p.m. A representative from the Unified Legal Department will be there to explain the changes. This part of the Elders meeting will be open to the public. Please note that the proposed changes are printed in the January **Currents** along with the current Constitutional wording to assist you in understanding the proposed changes.

Goonignebigo Coming up February 27th! It's definitely Snowsnake time in Michigan. See the flyer for ours on page 3. Also note that the LTBB one is scheduled for February 20th!

CASMAN Board



CASMAN Academy Board Members

Steve Parsons, long-time Speaker of the Tribal Council was recently honored for his work on the Board of the CASMAN Academy. Shelly VanVorst, Academy Director said that, "It is a great board and they do a great job!" Thanks Steve for all that you do! *(Steve is shown here with Board Members Donn Lemmer, Sarah Alden and Layne Godzina*

Board Openings!

At this time there are two openings on the Casino Board of Directors, any tribal member is free to apply. A thorough background check must be completed. For more details, please contact Mary Thomas at 1-231-398-6824

Indian Trust Settlement Monies !! Recently tribal members have been calling the tribe about some members receiving checks through the mail. **The tribe does not have anything to do with this!** This is a settlement payment from the Cobell/Salazar Class Action suit. You have to be an heir to a Deceased IIM account holder or have owned land held in trust or in restricted status. If you need or want information on this settlement please contact: **Telephone: 1-800-961-6109 or E-Mail: Infor@IndianTrust.com. For mail inquiry, use: Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, Ohio 43017-4877**

Indian Village Youth Camp 2016! The dates for the popular Indian Village Youth Camp have been announced. Two camps will be held with the first in July on the 14th through the 17th. The second is going to be in August from the 11th through the 14th. Watch for more details to come!

5th Annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference announced! June 8th, 9th and 10th are the dates for this important conference. Look for more details as we get closer.

Peacemaking Training! A Peacemaking Training is going to be held in February on the 24th and 25th. Look for further details to come. If you have questions, please contact Tribal Peacemaking at (231)398-2239. For registration, go to: <http://littlerivermpc.wix.com/peacemaking> (See the agenda on page 9)



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Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the Casino hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations). **Ogema Meet 'N Greet** always the Friday night before the meeting at 7 p.m.!
 - 2016 – April 9th, 2016 & October 8th, 2016
 - 2017 – April 8th, 2017 & October 7th, 2017
- **“Winter Love” Round Dance** February 13th. See page 5!
- **Peacemaking** Training February 24-25. (Agenda page 9)
- **Goonignebig** February 27th
- **Treaty Recognition Day**, March 28th
- **Spring Fire and Teachings** April 6th – 9th
- **Midwest Peacemaking Conference** June 8th through 10th
- **Jiingtamok** July 2nd & 3rd
- **Indian Village Youth Camp** (first camp) July 14th through 17th
- **Anishinaabe Family Language & Culture Camp** July 30th & 31st
- **Indian Village Youth Camp** (2nd camp) August 11th through 14th



January 2016 **Currents** is on-line at the new website, www.lrboi-nsn.gov. Be sure to check it out!

LRCR Board Sessions for 2016! Open Sessions at 6:00pm; Grand River Room; Tribal Members invited. January 28, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 24, 2016. Closed Sessions – tentative start time is 8:30am. Those sessions are scheduled for January 29, 2016, February 26, 2016, March 25, 2016. Here is the full schedule as determined for BOD meetings -2016:

February 25/26	March 24/25	April 21/22	
May 19/20	June 23/24	July TBD	August TBD
September TBD	October TBD	November TBD	December TBD



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Snow Snake 2016!

February 27, 2016!

**Competition starts
at 10am**

- * **Competitors Must be registered**
- * **All Children Must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**
- * **Competitors Must be on site and ready when thier name is called.**

**Registration the day of
event will be from
9am-10am preregister
231-398-6891**

**Location: Aki maadiziwin
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung,
Manistee, MI. 49660**

**No all metal snakes are allowed.
Two throws per competitor;
longest score counts.
Throws that jump the track
will be counted/ scored.
Sharing of snakes is allowed.**

**Tournament is dependant upon
the weather prior to event,
check for cancellation/delay**

Age Categories

1-4

5-11

12-17

18-54

55+

**Girls/Boys and
Women/ Men
will each be
separate for
each age
category**

**Contact Historic Preservation to Pre-Register
231:398:6891**

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LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity. www.lrboi-nsn.gov

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Check the website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov

For the latest postings!

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check “temporary” or place “temp pool” on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It’s a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

LRBOI Human Resources

2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: jobs@lrboi-nsn.gov Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288

The Rapid River News is a publication of the Office of Public Affairs of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

News, updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information!

Please note that Hyperlinks are scattered through the RRN. These ‘links’ take you direct documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on the or copy and paste them in your browser for more information

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"Winter Love" Round Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Come celebrate healthy living, renew friendships,
visit and build community connections.

Pipe Ceremony at 7 pm

Round Dance at 8 pm til 1 am

Aki Madazwiin Community Center
2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee, MI

Invited Singers
James (Bud) Day
Corey Hindsley, Sr.
Joe Syrette
Gabriel Funmaker
Mike Medawis
Rabbit Stalzer
Paul Syrette - MC
Lakota Raphael-Stickman
TBA - Pipe Carrier

**** Free Vendor Space ****

Contact: Julie 231-398-6740

Sponsored by :Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health & Tribal Historic Preservation of the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians



Mattress Sale!

Exclusive OFFER to all Little River Casino Resort associates and Little River Band of Ottawa Indian tribal members at *significant savings!*

The Tranquility sleep set is an Ultra-Premium Plush top mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery and quilt packages on the market. Our supplier has remained committed to using higher than National brand industry standards in all components to provide exceptional sleep! This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everybody even two people of different weights.

This mattress is 13.5" tall and the box spring is 7.75" tall. All orders must be placed and paid for by March 24th, 2016.

King Set (76" x 80") 597.00 + tax

Queen Set (60" x 80") 448.00 + tax

Full Set (54" x 75") 428.00 + tax

Twin Set (39" x 75") 320.00 + tax



Payment methods: cash, check or credit via LRCR Hotel Front Desk Supervisor, and LRCR associates can opt to do a payroll deduct (please call Barb Girard at 231-723-1535 ext 3870 for details). Mattress will be available for pick up at the LRCR warehouse on Dontz Road Thursday, March 31st from 3pm to 6pm and Friday, April 1st from 10am to 6pm.

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Tribal Court—December Docket

Key:		EM	Emancipation of Minor	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FJ	Foreign Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GA	Gaming Appeal	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GC	General Civil	TA	Trust Access
DP	Paternity	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	WC	Workmen’s Compensation
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint		
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
		LT	Landlord Tenant		

Monday, February 1, 2016

Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m. Burch v. Burch 15150DO Pretrial

Monday, February 22, 2016

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. LRB v. Campbell & Lewis 15262TM Bench Trial

(Co-Defendants) 15263TM Bench Trial

02:30 p.m. Guardianship Hrg. 14155GM Closed Hrg.

03:00 p.m. LRB v. Steele 15212TM Show Cause Hrg.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 24-25, 2016 Peacemaking Department (see next page)

LRBOI Commerce Commission / Commerce Department

Your Tribal Commerce Commission and Commerce Department would like to introduce you to the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

From Business Plan Development to strategy on Raising Capital, Financial Management and Technology Commercialization, they can provide free or low cost help that can get your business off to a successful start.

Visit SBDCMichigan.org



Peacemaking Training at Little River



February 24, 2016

Agenda

8am Start

Reception time - coffee and donuts

8:30am Welcome

Peacemaking Story - The Great Peacemaker

9am Restorative Justice and Peacemaking

10am Break

Fifteen minute break

10:15am Peacemaking Teachings, Values, and Terminology

Seven Grandfather Teachings, Values of being a good human being, Terms used in Peacemaking.

Noon Lunch

Lunch on your own or bring a sack lunch.

1pm Process of Facilitating a Circle and Tools

Mediation and negotiating talking circles, sentencing circles, offender mediation with different groups e.i families, children, and adults. Tools used during talking circles.

3pm Break

Fifteen Minute Break

3:15pm Talking Circle

4:15pm Closing

February 25, 2016

Agenda

8am Start

Reception time - coffee and donuts

8:30am Welcome

Questions, concerns, comments

9am Teambuilding activity

T.B.D.

10am Break

Fifteen minute break

10:15am Talking Circle Roleplay

Participants will be given roles and will act out a talking circle.

Noon Lunch

Potluck - Please bring a passing dish.

1pm Talking Circle Roleplay

Participants will be given roles and will act out a talking circle.

3pm Break

Fifteen Minute Break

3:15pm Talking Circle

If you would like more information please contact:

Pat Wilson 231-398-2239, E-mail: pwilson@lrboi-nsn.gov

Martha Howell 231-398-2240, E-mail: mhowell@lrboi-nsn.gov (available M,T,F)

Plenty Of Fish In The Lakes Will Be Free For Aspiring Anglers
Feb. 13-14

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging open season on state waters Feb. 13-14 so fishermen and fisherwomen can hook the fish of their dreams.

Both residents and non-residents will be able to participate in the DNR's annual Free Fishing Weekend, which allows aspiring anglers to land a great catch on Michigan waters without a license. All other fishing regulations still apply.

The annual DNR event is meant as a way to promote awareness of the state's aquatic resources, and with thousands of miles of shoreline, rivers, lakes and streams, "Michigan and fishing are a perfect match," a release on the event stated.

A full listing of organized Free Fishing Weekend activities are online at michigan.gov/freefishing.

New LRBOI Website! The new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov is 'Live'

This site was created to answer your concerns and comments as expressed in the summer survey. It also included input from all branches of the Tribal Government. Please feel free to explore it and let us know what you think. In the January **Currents** we are going to have some shortcuts printed to help you navigate the site. The tips are also printed here (below) in the RRN.

Tribal Website Tips! Here are some tips for navigating the new website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov:

The **Currents** and the Rapid River News can be reached on the front page. Just click on the title!

News briefs will also appear under the 'News' tab on the right side...Just click on them for details

Events information will be accessible on the right side too! Just click on 'Events' and you'll see the list

Top Banner...the top banner leads to: **Government, Membership Services, Resources, News & Media and Contacts**

....Just click on one of them to see departments, reports, forms and contact information.

There is even a **photo gallery** on the front page of the website. The latest photos of events will be posted there!

With the new tribal website at www.lrboi-nsn.gov, you can see the digital version of the **Currents** as well as other photo galleries at the bottom of the website home page. You can save a photo from the newspaper or the gallery by right-clicking on it and copying the photo. That way you can post it into your own computer!

The new website is going to allow for much quicker posting of information. Tribal Council Agendas; Calendars (including the Elders Meals); Resolutions; Proposals up for comment and notices of events will be available there soon!

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“We don’t have to say or think what we don’t wish to. We have a choice in those things, and we have to realize that and practice using that choice.” Rolling Thunder, Cherokee

Having choices makes us fully accountable. No one can make us think anything we don’t want to think. No one can determine our behavior and how we act. It’s not what’s going on but how we look at what’s going on. If someone does something and we get upset, we can change how we look at it any time we want. We can tell ourselves in the morning that the day is going to be beautiful and that we have expectations that great things will happen. Doing this daily sets our mind to look for the joy and excitement of each day.

Great Spirit, help me to choose my thoughts with Your wisdom.

Kateri prayer

LRBOI Warriors Society



New Officers Elected January 2nd, 2016

Commander—John Shano

Vice Commander—Leonard Rittenhouse

Secretary—Virg Johnson

Treasurer—Open

Sergeant at Arms—Chuck Nelson

Chaplain—Chuck Fisher

Warriors Society: We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commission Openings! Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee

Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees! The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema’s office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.



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Departments	Location	Main phone numbers
Accounting	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6868
Be-Da-Bin	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6741
Commerce	Government Center — Main Entrance	231.398.6866
Commodities	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398. 6715
Courts	Justice Center on M22	231.398.3406
Education	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6735
Enrollment	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6712
Fitness Center	Government Center—Lower Level	231.398.6636
Family Services	Government Center—Clinic entrance	231.398.6651
Grants Department	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6843
Gaming Commission	Old Casino Building	231-723-7755
Health Clinic	Government Center—North End	231.723.8299
Historic Preservation	Government Center– Lower Level	231.398.6891
Housing	Aki Maadiziwin Community Center	231.398.6879
Human Resources	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6859
Members Legal Asst.	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2234
Members Assistance	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6733
Natural Resources	9th Street Offices—Manistee	231.723.1594
Peacemaking/Probation	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2239
Planning Department	Government Center —Main Entrance	231.398.6810
Prosecutor	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2242
Public Affairs	Government Center-Main Entrance	231.398.6872
Public Safety	Justice Center on M22	231.398.2225
Tax Office	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6874
Utilities/Waste Water	Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)	231.398.2285
Work Force Development	Government Center—Main Entrance	231.398.6842